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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: MULDERGATE

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1. WELLMAN ELABORATED ON EVENTS DESCRIBED IN REFTEL. LAST WEEK, ONCE MULDER WAS CONFRONTED BY KATZIN ABOUT INFORMATION "SUNDAY EXPRESS" PLANNED TO PUBLISH, EDITOR REX GIBSON RECEIVED PHONE CALL FROM GENERAL VAN DEN BERGH WHO SAID HE WAS CALLING ON BEHALF OF THE PRIME MINISTER. VAN DEN BERGH SAID PM VORSTER WAS FOLLOWING EVERY DETAIL OF CASE CLOSELY AND WARNED GIBSON NOT TO PUBLISH MATERIAL IN THAT WEEK'S EDITION.

2. VAN DEN BERGH CALLED GIBSON AGAIN MAY 3 AND WANTED TO SEE INFORMATION TO BE PUBLISHED. GIBSON AGREED TO INFORM VAN DEN BERGH VIA A SCRAMBLED BOSS TELEX CIRCUITY ON MAY 4, SAME DAY KATZIN WAS TO MEET WITH
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MULDER. MEETING LASTED SIX HOURS. REPRESENTATIVE OF VAN DEN BERGH WAS PRESENT DURING MEETING AND LEFT SEVERAL TIMES TO TELEPHONE THE GENERAL. ACCORDING TO WELLMAN, NOTHING OF A SUBSTANTIAL NATURE WAS CHANGED IN THE ARTICLES WHICH ARE SCHEDULED TO APPEAR IN MAY 7 EDITION.

3. WELLMAN SAID AMONG REVELATIONS ARE FOLLOWING:

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--A RHOODIE MEMO ORDERING DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN
FINANCIAL RECORDS OF THE SAG DEPT OF INFORMATION FOR
YEARS 1965-67;
--AUDITOR GENERAL BARRIE DISCOVERY THAT RECORDS
WERE MISSING PROMPTED HIM TO WRITE SECRET REPORT TO
PRIME MINISTER, RATHER THAN TO PARLIAMENT TO WHICH HE IS
RESPONSIBLE;
--EVIDENCE OF DEPT OF INFORMATION SLUSH FUND WHICH
PARLIAMENT DID NOT KNOW ABOUT.

4. WELLMAN REPORTED MULDER HAS SAID ESCHEL RHOODIE WOULD
GO. EXPRESS PEOPLE FEEL DISINCLINATION OF SAG REPRE-
SENTATIVES TO ARGUE ABOUT SUBSTANCE OF INFORMATION MAY
STEM FROM FACT THERE ARE OTHER IMPROPRIETIES WHICH HAVE
NOT BEEN DISCOVERED AS YET.
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